

CT Health Information Technology and Exchange Advisory Committee
Minutes – Regular Meeting
Monday, January 25, 2010

The fourth meeting of the CT Health Information Technology and Exchange Advisory Committee was held on Monday, January 25, 2010 at the Connecticut Department of Information Technology, 101 East River Drive, 1st Floor Conference Room, East Hartford, CT.

Call to Order

Dr. Robert Galvin, Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, called the meeting to order at 12:00.

Voting Members Present: Thomas Agresta, M.D., Lisa Boyle, Susan Bruschi, Daniel Carmody (Phone), Kevin Carr, Peter Courtway, Kenneth Dardick, M.D., Lt. Gov. Fedele, Michael Hudson, Nancy Kim, M.D., Mark Masselli.

Non-voting State Agency Representatives: Robert Galvin, M.D. (DPH), Meg Hooper (DPH), Rick Bailey (DOIT), Andrea Schroeter for Marcia Mains (DSS), Barbara Parks Wolf (OPM), Cristine Vogel (OHCA/DPH), Jamie Mooney (Norwalk Hospital/Office of Healthcare Advocate), John Gadia (DCP).

Other Attendees: Warren Wollschlager (DPH), Marianne Horn (DPH), Michael Purcaro (DPH), Mike Varney (DOIT), Denise Leiper (DPH), Jill Kentfield (DPH), Maggie Sloan (DPH), Lynn Townshend (DPH), Rivka Weiser (DSS), Helen George (Nexus Resources, Inc.), Jeremy George (Nexus Resources, Inc.), Jeanette Weldon (CHEFA), John Lynch (CPC), Xaviel Soto (DCP), Scott Cleary (SMC Partners), Marcia Petrillo (Qualidigm), Burt Johnson (CANPFA), John DeStefano (Hartford Hospital), Mag Morelli (CANPFA), Dave O'Leary (O'Leary Group), Christine Cappiello (Anthem).

Review of Minutes

Dr. Galvin asked the Advisory Committee members to consider the minutes from the December 21, 2009 meeting.

MOTION: Upon a motion made and seconded, the Advisory Committee members voted in favor of adopting the minutes of the December 21, 2009 meeting as presented. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Governance Models for HIE Industry

Commissioner Galvin announced that he has named Michael Purcaro as the Department's Executive Director of the state HITE organization. Dr. Galvin stated that he brought Michael into this role as an individual to coordinate efforts, as Michael has been involved in health information technology initiatives as a result of being the previous Executive Director of the Public Health Foundation.

Warren Wollschlager walked the members through a power point presentation regarding a proposal to migrate from our current HITE governance model which is state government led, to a public utility model which with government oversight. Warren described the current model and explained challenges of utilizing this model. Warren then introduced Michael Purcaro, who described the proposed public utility model that has public sector oversight and highlighted the benefits of this model. Michael will be

coordinating efforts including the short-term goal of enhancing the grant application and would like to coordinate approval of a new business model, which he hopes to present to the ONC in Washington.

There was discussion on the need to educate elected officials in order to gain support for required legislative changes. After discussion, Advisory Committee members agreed to endorse the concepts of the public utility with government oversight and to move forward.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Peter Courtway and seconded by Lisa Boyle, the Advisory Committee members voted in favor of the new governance model and moving forward with implementation steps. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Annual Report

A draft of the Annual Report was shared with all members. It needs to be finalized and submitted to the General Assembly by February 1.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Kevin Carr and seconded by Michael Hudson, the Advisory Committee members voted in favor of accepting the Annual Report, with revisions that may be made by the Department of Public Health, and to send forward to the General Assembly. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Statewide HIE Committees

Deputy Commissioner Cristine Vogel followed up on last month's item regarding boards that are involved with HIT issues. She reported that the CT Healthcare Reform Advisory Board to the Governor would not be involved with any IT issues so there will not be any duplicative issues with this group. Their guiding principles will be finalized on February 1, 2010. Jamie Mooney reported on Sustinet.

Formation of Subcommittees

A draft overview was shared with members on the Subcommittee Process. Marianne Horn reviewed important aspects of the process including complying with public notice requirements. She also reaffirmed that the Department of Public Health will assist with administrative support. Warren Wollschlager mentioned that there are still opportunities to work with one of the subcommittee and members and you can either let him know of your desire or one of the subcommittee members. To date, the following advisory committee members have shown an interest in leading the subcommittees:

Finance Subcommittee: Kevin Carr, Daniel Carmody, Michael Hudson

Technical Infrastructure: Peter Courtway

Business and Technical Operations: Tom Agresta

Legal/Policy: Lisa Boyle

Special Health Services: Mark Masselli

Public Comment

No public comment at this meeting.

Next Meeting: February 22, 2010, 10:00-12:00 NOON at DOIT.

Adjourn

With the unanimous consent of the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.